

MC climbing out of national media avalanche

FIRST IN A TWO-PART SERIES

By William Perkins
Editor

The withering attacks on Mississippi College (MC) started almost immediately after national news media picked up on a report from an obscure web site that the Baptist-affiliated university in Clinton had allegedly suspended an Afghanistan War veteran suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for requesting a non-Muslim counselor.

Nothing could have been farther from the truth, according to MC President Lee G. Royce. "The errors and lies in the story have been expanded and repeated with great impact. We have endured thousands of calls, emails, and social media hits, all of it focused on our supposed suspending of a combat veteran for asking for a non-Muslim counselor. What utter, libelous nonsense," Royce told The Baptist Record the week after the story raced across the country.

The flap began when Campus Reform, a web site connected to the Leadership In-



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stitute in Arlington, Va., published an article on May 25 by Gabriella Morrongiello that alleged a student veteran with PTSD was suspended and labeled a threat to peers after requesting to transfer to a non-Muslim counselor."

According to information on their web site, Campus Reform serves as a "watchdog to

the nation's higher education system, Campus Reform exposes bias and abuse on the nation's college campuses."

The Leadership Institute web site states the organization "provides training in campaigns, fundraising, grassroots organizing, youth politics, and communications. The Institute teaches conservatives of all ages how

to succeed in politics, government, and the media."

According to Campus Reform, MC student Jeremy Rawls went to a campus office at MC to acquire paperwork connected to his schooling. When he encountered a woman wearing a hijab, a traditional Muslim headdress, he

requested that a non-Muslim assist him. Campus Reform reported that Rawls soon received a letter from the school suspending him for making the request for a non-Muslim "counselor."

MC's hiring policy states clearly that we hire only Christians in all full- and part-time faculty and staff positions, giving preference to Southern Baptists," Royce told The Baptist Record. "The student in question was not an employee but rather an unpaid student serving in the office as a fulfillment for her class assignment. She is a graduate student in counseling. Her job was to help students fill out various required forms. She is not a counselor. We employ only Christians."

Royce is also troubled by the accusation contained in many web-based and network news stories that Rawls was "dismissed" for reasons related to his military service and PTSD diagnosis.

"It is important to note the student was not 'dismissed,'" Royce pointed out. "Rather, he was placed on interim suspension with a reintegration plan outlined for his return to regular status in both his

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Bibles going to China under new program

NASHVILLE (BP and local reports) — A new campaign from LifeWay Christian Stores and Tyndale House Publishers allows individuals and churches to purchase Bibles for people in the world's most populous country.

The Gospel for China campaign is a partnership between the two organizations that seeks to provide "an easy and legal way for individuals or churches to purchase Bibles for believers and seekers in China," said Cossy Pachares, vice president of LifeWay Christian Stores, a division of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville.

From now until June 20, customers at any of LifeWay's 185 stores can purchase a Bible for

five dollars. It will then be printed in China and distributed to someone there who is currently without access to Scriptures.

"In less time than it takes to order and receive a meal at a drive-through, you can purchase a Bible for someone in China," said Jeffrey Smith, New Living Translation brand director at Tyndale, an independent publisher based in Carol Stream, Ill.

The partnership made sense for LifeWay because of the situation in China, Pachares said. "The church in China is the fastest-growing in the world, even in the midst of persecution," he noted. "Unfortunately, millions of Christians there

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Just another bombing

The story is not all that uncommon these days and although it happened several years ago, I haven't forgotten. A terrorist disguised as a burqa-clad woman slipped into a segregated female dining area packed with students at International Islamic University in Islamabad, Pakistan, shot dead the guard on duty, and detonated a powerful suicide bomb he had strapped to himself.

People died. People were injured. It was another day, another bombing in the most unstable region of the world, reported in matter-of-fact fashion (if at all) by the international news media. In our insulated western world, this everyday cruelty received only passing attention. There's more to this story, however — a lot more.

Perviaz Mashif was happy to have his job as a janitor at International Islamic University. An illiterate young man with no trade or skills in a city with few opportunities for gainful employment, he was grateful for what he had — his \$60-a-month job, a wife, a three-year-old daughter, and a room he shared with seven family members. In his world, he felt he had everything for which to live.

Perviaz was working in the dining area the day the bomber shot his way into the building.

Sensing what was about to happen, Perviaz threw himself into the last doorway between the bomber and the students and began struggling with him. No one knows exactly why the bomb exploded prematurely, but Perviaz was shredded by the ball bearings and sharp debris that had been packed into the bomb for maximum carnage.

Investigators do know this, however: Perviaz was somehow able to turn the bomber around so that the main force of the blast was directed away from the students and into the parking lot outside the front of the building. Perviaz died instantly, in the act of saving hundreds of lives.

Pakistanis were stunned by his actions, but Perviaz understood the concept of laying down his life for others because he understood that someone else had already done that for him. Perviaz Mashif was a devout Christian. In a country where the Christian

population can be counted in the low single digits, his reflexive, selfless act in saving the students did not go unnoticed.

"As a Christian, a person of minority, he stood in front of the Taliban to protect the university," Shahbaz Bhatti, Pakistan's minister of minorities, told CNN. "There could have been great, great destruction," said 20-year-old Afshien Zafar, who was in the dining hall that day and witnessed the explosion.

Many people began asking questions. Why would a Christian allow this to happen to himself in order to save Muslims he didn't even know? Why would he save me? Why would he sacrifice himself for lowly females, of all people, who have no respect and few rights? If he wasn't Muslim, where is he now? What did he have in his heart that compelled him to die for me?

Perviaz knew the two-word answer to all those questions: Jesus Christ. Jesus had changed him, made him a new creature, and helped him understand his role as a witness to a lost and dying world. Jesus taught him how to put others before himself.

The time came to put all of that into action. Without hesitation or a thought for his own well-being, Perviaz gave his life for others and became a member of the great crowd of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1). No doubt many people will be saved through his example.

The world barely took note of Perviaz Mashif and his sacrifice, but Christians should. Perhaps if we took our faith as seriously as he did, we could have a similar impact on the world. Perhaps we would be in worship on more Sundays, rather than sitting at home waiting for the pre-game show to begin. Perhaps we would feed more hungry families, take care of more widows and orphans, and welcome more new believers into our fellowship regardless of their skin color, background, or social standing. Perhaps we would act more like Perviaz, which is to say we would act more like Jesus.

That's a tall order for a lot of American Christians, but after what Jesus did for us — and what Perviaz Mashif did for Jesus — it's the least we can do for Him.

The importance of sabbaticals

Pastor, you need rest. You were built to rest. God uses healthy pastors to build healthy churches. That's why you and your church's partnership in working through a sabbatical ministry plan may be one of the most important decisions you make about the future health of your church.

As a pastor for more than 25 years in churches large and small, I know what you're thinking: "I can't ask for more vacation time. My church will think I'm lazy." Think again. Sabbaticals aren't vacations.

Sabbaticals are a scheduled time of extended rest for your spiritual refreshment and renewal, ideally developed jointly by you and your congregation. Typically, it won't be longer than three months. My hope is that your church will fully support you in this by providing continued salary and benefits during this time and by providing for some of your other expenses.

Why take a sabbatical?

■ The concept is biblical. Sabbatical comes from the biblical word sabbath (related both to the word for "cease" and the number "seven"). God commanded the Israelites to take this day of rest each seventh day in Exodus 20:8-11.

In Leviticus 25, the Israelites were to provide "a sabbath of solemn rest for the land" every seventh year. Jesus "returned in the power of the Spirit" following his 40-day wilderness experience (Luke 4:1-14) and modeled rest before calming the storm in Matthew 8.

Rest and renewal aren't optional to the biblical description of a life of ministry. They're a non-negotiable requirement.

■ It will make you more productive. Rest prepares leaders for the ever-growing demands of spiritual leadership like few other activities. Anecdotal evidence has shown that rested leaders return from sabbaticals with a renewed vision for ministry and empowered for more effective service.

■ It will extend your current ministry. Because you'll come back to your place of ministry service refreshed and renewed,



Guest opinion

with Michael Lewis

you'll be more likely to stay longer. In a recent blog post on the topic of pastoral sabbaticals, LifeWay Christian Resources President Thom Rainer reported anecdotal evidence of pastors returning from sabbatical and serving at their current ministry locations much longer than pastors who didn't take a sabbatical.

■ It will add months — and maybe years — to your life. Ministry stress, if not handled correctly, can be hazardous to your health. Regular sabbaticals can help ministry leaders deal with the additional stresses inevitable in pastoral ministry in a healthy way.

■ It will revitalize you spiritually. Getting focused time alone with the Lord remains the most important reason for a pastor to take a sabbatical. This extended time with God will allow a pastor to get a renewed vision for God's unique purpose for his life and ministry.

At the North American Mission Board (NAMB), we believe local churches and the pastors who lead them are the frontline forces for pushing back lostness throughout the continent. It's a huge task. To do this, we need to all be at top strength. Pastor, that includes you.

For more resources to help you begin this conversation with the lay leadership of your church, visit NAMB's pastoral care and development website at www.namb.net/pastor-support.

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First Person: make your vacation count

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Correspondent

When our family helped plant a church in southern France, our eldest daughter's perspective changed. "I realize now that God is everywhere. He's not an American," she observed.

You don't need to permanently relocate to experience this type of change with your kids.

Many families vacation with a purpose. These servant-like excursions have helped change and shape families, solidifying their kids' beliefs.



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Ministering together

Mary L. Gore, with the Toledo Bend Resort Ministry in Zwolle, La., explained, "What better way to share the love of Jesus than to take something you enjoy as a family and use it as a platform to share the Gospel?"

Living out the Gospel together in another place enlivens it for the kids. Serving together also deepens the impact of discipling our children, noted Keith Ivey, head of Georgia Mountain Resort Ministries. "It's not enough to talk about it," he said, "and it's not enough to go without them and share the results. Like most concepts, doing missions together is best taught hands on."

Vacation with purpose

A vacation with a purpose is simply an extended outing with your family where you actively seek to serve or minister to people. It can mean serving campground staff or offering water to people on a hot mountain trail. It can mean helping a church planter engage a people group in the middle of New York City, or flying over an ocean and joining alongside a missionary family.

In short, it's adding service and a bent toward evangelism to your summer vacation activities.



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Prepare

Families must have a plan, particularly if you intend to partner with an existing ministry. Missionaries have a lot of insight to the community or people group they serve, so be sensitive and seek to meet their specific needs, not the needs you may think they have.

It's important to prepare spiritually as a family. "Remember, you will be trying to impact the lives of the lost and unchurched so be prepared to have your comfort zone challenged," Gore explained.

Ivey encourages families to "consider the gifts and passions of your family. If your children are younger, look for projects that would allow their involvement. If they are older, consider letting their gifts and interests direct where and how you serve."

He encourages a family meeting to help determine where and when to serve, then engage in fervent prayer about the opportunities God might bring.

Don't forget to schedule down time, though. Ivey said, "Families on a mission trip need some family time. Plan extra time for that if your children are younger."

Here's how

A vacation with a purpose may simply mean you interact with the folks you meet as you vacation. Gore offered several suggestions.

■ **Camping:** Talk with the folks camping in the same area as you are. Visit with others sitting around the pool or lounging at the beach.

■ **Skiing:** Engage in activities in a central lodge.

■ **Touring or Cruising:** Spend time mingling with different folks as a family. Ivey gave other avenues:

■ **Contact local associations or churches.** You don't want to go to a campground prepared to offer a day camp for kids if one is already planned.

■ **Host a one-day kids' activity** in a campground, resort, or even in the hotel, offering family-friendly activities in a public area (face painting, crafts, balloon animals, etc.).

■ **Volunteer at a food bank, senior center, or some other local ministry.**

■ **Conduct a service project** (pick up trash, pass out bottled water, etc.), light construction and home repair, creative arts (music, clowns, drama, etc.), and Scripture and tract distribution.

Remember that the opportunities are limited only by imagination. Your children will probably be the biggest help in brainstorming how you can serve.

Sharing as a family

Sharing the Gospel alongside your family can be a fun way to interact with those you meet on vacation. Gore suggested using sliced, still-with-the-rind watermelon as a Gospel tool.

■ **Black seeds represent sin and darkness.**

■ **Red represents the blood of Jesus shed on the cross.**

■ **The white of the rind shows how we're moved from darkness to light.**

■ **The green rind represents new growth.**

She also recommended slip discs from Slip Disc Ministries (slipdiscministries.com). Toss the Frisbee-like disc with the family, and then invite those around to join in. If the opportunity comes, share the message imprinted on the slip disc.

Ivey encourages families to get to know people, find out their needs, and serve by listening.

"If you are witnessing to hikers, engage them in conversations about the trail, then lead into spiritual conversation," he said. "Contrary to what we may think, people on vacation are thinking about spiritual things and are open to conversations on spiritual topics."

"Most dread the return to the crazy schedules they left and are contemplating changes they either need to make or wish they could make in their lives."

It's possible to instill your beliefs into your kids' lives in an organic, life-changing way. This summer seek to serve others alongside your kids, to put feet to Jesus' words. "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations." (Matthew 28:19).

DeMuth, a married mother of three, lives in Texas and is the author of more than a dozen books, including four on parenting. This article first appeared in the North American Mission Board's *On Mission* magazine, and appears here courtesy of Baptist Press. Edited for style.

IMB: Malaria claims life of Malawi missionary

ZOMBA, Malawi (BP)—International Mission Board (IMB) missionary Susan Sanson, 67, died of malaria in Zomba, Malawi, on May 18.

Sanson developed a sudden onset of malaria on May 17 and began treatment. However, early the next morning her husband Billy awoke to find her unresponsive. He rushed her to the hospital but she passed away as medical staff were examining her.

"This was sudden, tragic, and quite unexpected," said Kevin

Rodgers, an IMB strategy leader in Africa and a friend of the Sansons. "Susan was a unique, godly, precious child of the King, and while I know she is in His presence in perfect peace and joy, there is still a great burden of sadness that we will all have to work through in the days to come."

The Sansons, who do not have children, moved to Malawi as IMB missionaries in 2000. Susan Sanson was involved in reaching out to, discipling, and counseling university stu-

dents, and also worked in Baptist churches in Zomba. Billy Sanson is a chaplain and university minister at Chancellor College in Zomba.

Upon news of her death, Chancellor College students set up a Facebook page entitled, Tributes to a Mother: Susan Sanson.

"A charming lady [and] a mother to all," posted one student. "Surely as she used to say... even though she had no children of her own, she didn't feel the gap because we were all [her] children."

Students organized a prayer campaign, encouraging inter-

cessors to pray at least 15 minutes a day. Prayer requests will be distributed via phone messages twice a day.

Susan Sanson was born in New York and raised in Ohio. As a young adult, she spent time in Manhattan as a model and fashion magazine editor. "She had an amazing testimony of... moving to New York and living the high life as a fashion model and mover and shaker in the fashion world... and then God arresting her heart and bringing her back to Him," Rodgers said. "She quit her job, sold her things, moved to New Orleans, and enrolled in New Orleans

Baptist Theological Seminary."

She met Billy Sanson at the seminary, where he was a Ph.D. student. The couple married in 1992.

"She was a jewel for Jesus," Rodgers said, "and I can assure you that when we get to heaven it won't be easy to run into her because she has a seat reserved about as close to Jesus as you can get... She had one of the purest hearts I have ever known."

A memorial service was held in Zomba at Chancellor College on May 24. Burial will be in the United States, but funeral details are not finalized.



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As the aging process takes place in folks you will begin to notice that they may need aid to help them in every area of their life. Their mobility may get less and so they may need the aid of a stick so they can get around, or a walker, or maybe even a mobile chair so they can get around. At times people's hearing gets less and less and they need some assistance in order to hear clearly and accurately, and so they get some hearing aids. The same thing happens with our eyes as we get older. Our eyesight may not be as clear and as sharp as it was at one time. Sometimes in your forties you may need to get some glasses so you can focus, and later you may even run into the problem that you have cataracts and they need to be removed. Still other problems may develop that affect your clear vision, and there are helps so you can see.

A sweet lady had been to her ophthalmologist for an examination only to find out that she had excellent vision especially with her glasses on, but according to her she still had difficulty finding things. For instance, going to the store, she would look and look down the aisles and across the shelves for whatever she might be in need of, but in that case her problem was not her eyesight, but she was extremely short and could not see where things were on the higher shelves. She would have to stop and



Aid to See Clearly

ask people, and folks who were a head taller would help her get whatever it was that she was looking for.

This same dear lady often rode the bus in the city where she lived, but going to catch the bus one day she got confused because she couldn't see the sign designating that place as a bus stop. She thought that was where the bus was supposed to be, but she didn't see the sign, so she just stood there for a while and sure enough the bus came up and stopped right there. When she got on the bus she asked the driver, "What happened to the sign that used to be here saying this was a bus stop?" The kind driver said, "Lady,

you were standing right beneath it and if you had looked up you would have seen it."

It's not a problem of aging but a problem of all of us not looking in the right direction for the answers of life. I think of the wonderful word from the writer of Hebrews who said to us, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). The One that we start the faith experience with, Jesus, the one we end the faith experience with, Jesus, is the one we need to keep looking up to. You may not have cataracts. You may have 20/20 sharp vision but don't stop looking up to Him, for every need in

your life can be found there. Look up. It is there that you will see the answer to every need in your life. When you look up to Him, you can find forgiveness, love, peace, joy and the caring heart of Jesus Himself.

You may have messed up big time in life, hurt your family, wrecked yourself, ostracized friends, alienated fellow workers; you just had a world class mess up. Look up. For Jesus is there ready and able to forgive and cleanse your heart. You may be down, depressed, lonely, empty, and wonder where in the world did all the joy and happiness of life go. Jesus has joy that will overflow your cup of life if you will look to Him. Look up and trust Him even now. Maybe there are circumstances swirling around your life, many of which you have no control over, that rob you of peace and bring turmoil to your heart. Why not even now look up, and when you find Him you can find peace for your heart, joy for your life, forgiveness for your brokenness.

Our needs are not just because we are aging but because of the bruises and breaks, bumps and scrapes that all of us have in life. Look up and you will see there the Lord, ready to meet the need you have this very moment.

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OBITUARY

Retired minister **Russell Barnes Cottingham**, 85, of Ellisville passed away May 26 at his home. Visitation and funeral services were conducted May 29 at West Ellisville Church, Ellisville, with burial at Bethlehem Church cemetery east of Laurel. Cottingham was a deacon and member of West Ellisville Church. Prior to that, he pastored for 62 years at various churches throughout Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, five years of which were in Jones County. He also served as associate director of missions for Jones County Association. He

is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rebecca Chancellor Cottingham; son Ronnie Cottingham (Beverly) of Lucedale; daughter Rosalind Worrell (Johnny) of Ellisville; sister Nellie Kate Tepper (Sol) of Marion Junction, AL; brother Myllette Cottingham (Janet) of Tremont; two granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Legacy of Faith Ministries, Inc. P.O. Box 2266, Red Lodge, MT 59068. Cottingham's granddaughter Christie Merck and her husband Lee serve there as North American Mission Board church planters.



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The Christian Action Commission will host the American Council on Alcohol Problems (ACAP) annual meeting. ACAP is a federation of 37 states that believes education and public policy can reduce alcohol and drug related problems: death, dependency, disease, delinquency (including crime), dollars spent (economic cost), and disruption of family life and society.

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September 14 - 15
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Jackson, MS

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015
Union Baptist Church, Picayune - 6:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015
Wade Baptist Church, Moss Point - 6:30 P.M.

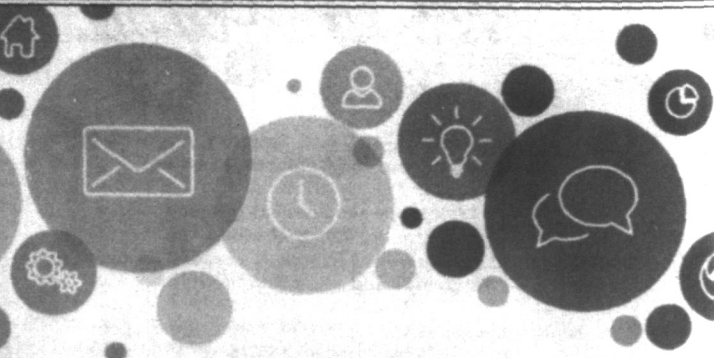
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015
Hancock County Jail - 9:45 A.M.
New Heights Baptist Church, Summit - 6:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015
First Baptist Church, Greenwood - Noon
CrossPoint - A Southern Baptist Church, Starkville - 6:00 P.M.
Concert at the Starkville Sportsplex

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015
Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus - 10:15 A.M.
Belden Baptist Church, Belden - 5:00 P.M.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015
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Mother Daughter OVERNIGHT

Mother/Daughter is on October 16-17, 2015 at Garaywa Camp & Conference Center. We will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday and end at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. You will be involved in events such as a missionary visit, worship, ropes course, crafts and much more. This is the perfect opportunity to get away from the world and invest in a 1st-6th grade girl in your life.

Registration forms are online at garaywa.org.

Cost= \$50 per person

Please call Garaywa Camp & Conference Center at 601-924-7034 for more information.

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September 26 @ 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

First Baptist Church, Clinton

Registration cost is \$39 per person with LifeWay Christian Resources.

Register at: <http://www.lifeway.com/Event/Leadership-Training-National-Sunday-School-Director-Seminar-2015-Clinton-MS>

To assist churches in making this training available to their directors, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will provide a post seminar reimburse [one person per church], of \$19 [1/2 the registration cost - Payment made to the church or person that paid the registration fee. Send registration receipt to: Carolyn Day, P O Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205]

This seminar will develop skills and plans to:

- Build a growing Sunday School focused on its mission and purpose
- Develop an organization and enlist leadership to build a growing Sunday School
- Lead teachers to teach for spiritual transformation
- Leave with a step-by-step strategy for leading your Sunday School

Conference is designed to:

- Equip Sunday School directors to serve effectively in all areas of Sunday School work
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For more information contact the Sunday School/Small Group Dept. of the MBCB at 800-748-1651, Ext. 291, or 601-292-3291, or clay@mbcb.org

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Missions Leadership Training for church leaders will be offered in 3 locations.

Conferences will be offered for all age-level organizations, including RA and Challengers.

Women's Ministry conferences will be offered at Growing Churches and AMC. WMU Ministry and general missions interest conferences will also be offered.

July 9

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Main Street BC, Hattiesburg

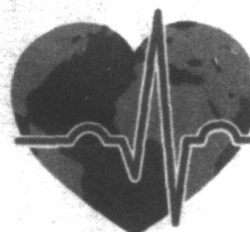
August 7-8

Women's Ministry at 7:30 p.m., Friday; Age-level plus Women's Missions & Ministry at 9:30 a.m., Saturday
Harrisburg BC, Tupelo

August 21-22

5:00 p.m., Friday - 12:30 p.m. (lunch), Saturday
Annual Missions Celebration with WMU Annual Meeting (AMC)
Garaywa Camp & Conference Center, Clinton

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October 16-17

Garaywa Camp & Conference Center, Clinton
Friday evening to Saturday afternoon

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Mississippi Baptist Singing Churchwomen

Worship Concert, July 12th, 6:00 pm
(Churchwomen will rehearse at 3:30)
First Baptist Church, Booneville

Singing Churchwomen Retreat
September 11th and 12th
Lake Tiak O'Khata

For more information contact the Church Music Dept. at the MBCB at 800-748-1651, Ext. 267, or 601-292-3267.

Pray this day for...

June 5 - 18, 2015

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!..." Psalm 122:6 (ESV)

Pray for: **Charles & Shannon Worthy**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples through community outreach.

Pray for: **James & Mary Adair**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through church planting, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Bethany Allen**, missionary ministering to European Peoples through community outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Richard & Martha Beal**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through financial administration, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **David & Laurie Bledsoe**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Kaye Brooks**, missionary ministering to American Peoples through church planting.

Pray for: **Donald & Donna Brown**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples through church planting, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Karen Brown**, missionary ministering to American Peoples through nursing.

Pray for: **John & Claudia Brown**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through church/home outreach and evangelism.

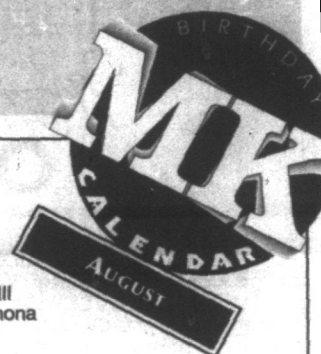
Pray for: **Matthew Burks**, missionary ministering to European Peoples through evangelism.

Pray for: **David & Pamela Carlton**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through theological education, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Richard & Wanda Clark**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples through strategy coordination.

Pray for: **all missionaries** serving in dangerous countries and sensitive circumstances throughout the world.

The IMB missionaries listed in the HouseTops prayer calendar are currently active in 2-4 year terms or in career service.



Unveiled

Women's Retreat

October 9-10, 2015
Garaywa Camp and Conference Center

Our theme, "Unveiled" comes from 2 Corinthians 3:18, with prayers this will be an enriching get-away for women of all ages. Cyndi Grace is our featured speaker with Mary Moak leading in worship and praise.

\$25 plus housing and meals

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Parents: Aaron & Tiffany
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Parents: Earl & Ramona
West Africa

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Margaret
Sub-Saharan African
Peoples

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Please include your return address on each card envelope. MKs and their parents may wish to send you an update or note of appreciation.

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Clue: S = B

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: John 1:15

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Staff Changes



EVANSVILLE CHURCH, COTTONVILLE, has called Albert Wilkerson as pastor. Wilkerson is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary and has his doctorate from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. He comes with his wife Jeanette. He has two sons, Greg and Jeff, and three grandchildren.

In other Staff Change News:

► Danny Moss has resigned after 22 years as pastor of **Mt. Moriah Church, Bogue Chitto**. He is available for consideration as pastor at another church, revivals, Bible conferences, and other ministries as needed. He may be contacted at (601) 757-6533.

College and Seminary News

► **William Carey University** has been recognized by a national college matching platform as the state of Mississippi's "Hidden Gem" in a recent list of 49 best colleges and universities from across the United States. The list, published by College Raptor Inc., includes one institution from each state with the exception of Alaska. It was compiled using application and enrollment data submitted to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, which is a required step for all higher education institutions participating in any federal financial assistance program. Each institution also received an overall ranking of quality based on academic and outcome data, including graduation rate, selectivity, student-to-faculty ratio and other factors.

► Casey Randall Stark, Southaven, has received his Doctor of Ministry degree from **Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.**

Vacation Bible School

Holly Springs Church, ► **Bellevue Church, Thax-**
worth: June 6 - 11; Sat., **ton:** June 8 - 12, 6:30 - 8:30
a.m., roundup; Sun. - p.m.; ages 3 - youth.
urs., 6 p.m. - 8:50 p.m. ► **New Henleyfield Church,**

Carriere: June 8 - 12, 8:30
- 11 a.m.; ages 4 through 6th
grade.

► **Hickory Grove Church,**
Sumrall: June 7 - 11, 6 -
8:30 p.m.; ages 3 - youth.

► **Roundaway Church,**
Doddsville: June 7 - 11;

meal, 5:30 p.m., with VBS
6 - 8:30 p.m.; family night,
June 12, 6 p.m.; kickoff rally
June 6, 3 - 5 p.m.

► **South Nettleton Church,**
Nettleton: June 8 - 12; 6 -
8:30 p.m. with light meal.

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classwork and his student worker position.

"Students are not arbitrarily suspended because of a disability. It would be illegal to do so and contrary to MC's mission and professional ethics. Some stories have suggested the student was dismissed or suspended because he was a veteran. This, too, is completely untrue. This would be illegal, and also completely contrary to our history of supporting and assisting veterans."

Royce said the university turned to established policy in dealing with the Rawls situation. "Following incidents at other universities, colleges around the country created teams of professionals to assess persons who may pose a threat to themselves or others. MC's team of professionals, which includes counselors and retired military and security officers, reviewed the situation and believed interim suspensions were in order."

"Unfortunately, under the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act, MC is unable to release specific information about the matter, even when doing so would help clarify and justify our actions."

"We remain committed to the work of evangelism and missions which has always been a call in Baptist life."

Lee G. Royce
MC President

Interim suspensions of students are not common, Royce said, but do occur a few times each year. "Like other universities, MC requires students placed on interim suspension to adhere to a reintegration plan and provide documented evidence regarding the fitness of the student to return to campus."

"The specific requirements can vary depending on the severity of the problem. MC staff is usually able to work with the student and family members to facilitate a smooth reintegration back into campus activities. In this [Rawls] case, the student was allowed to return to his classes after two weeks, one of which was spring break."

Significantly, Campus Reform retracted Morrongiello's original article under a May 27 statement entitled, "Editor's Note."

"After speaking with the college and Rawls, new documentation has been released that calls into question reasoning presented in the original story," wrote editor-in-chief Caleb Bonham in the lengthy statement, which can be viewed along with the original Morrongiello article at www.campusreform.org/?ID=6527.

Royce said Mississippi College will not be deterred from its vision of Christian service because the university inadvertently fell into the maw of the dog-eat-dog, 24-hour news cycle.

"We remain committed to the work of evangelism and missions which has always been a call in Baptist life," Royce said. "Christian faith development takes place in prayer and Bible study sessions in residence halls, through mandatory chapel and related programming, through numerous on-campus ministries of the Baptist Student Union and Fellowship of Christian Athletes among others, and through a vast array of Christian service opportunities on campus and around the world."

"We greatly appreciate our 165-year, deep and abiding association with the [Mississippi Baptist] Convention and its generous support, and we seek our further service together."

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do not have a Bible because they either can't afford one or they live in areas where God's word is not readily accessible."

This is the fourth such promotion for LifeWay Stores. Most recently they partnered

with B&H Publishing in Nashville, a LifeWay division, and the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va., for The Thomas Project.

Two completed versions of The Thomas Project resulted in more than 340,000 copies of Scripture being sent across South Asia. More

than 126,000 Bibles for Christians in Central America and the Caribbean were provided through the Aqua Viva Project.

For more information on LifeWay's current Bible partnership, The Gospel for China, or to purchase Bibles online to send, visit LifeWay.com/GospelForChina.

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Please make articles concise. Include the who, what, when, where details of the story, along with a contact person's address and telephone number.

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via e-mail, as attachments in JPEG format. Hard copy photographs mailed through the postal service will not be accepted. Photographs must be clear, sharp, and well-lighted. Photographs must depict people. No landscape, building, or object-only photographs will be printed. Photographs containing inappropriate gestures and objectionable clothing will not be published. Cell phone photographs and other low resolution items that do not reproduce well on newsprint are generally not publishable.

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Casting Crowns in Concert

July 18 7:00 p.m.

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Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

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Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with You. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Christ today, contact a local Southern Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

The Truth Presented • 1 John 1:1-4

"We won! We won!" Few things are celebrated in our society as much as sports. By its very nature, athletics divides people into various groups. These groups are commonly called "fans." Fans (short for fanatics) are a passionate folk. Their allegiance is exhibited in the clothes they purchase, accessories on their lawns, and even the color of their vehicles. I am aware of young parents naming their newborn child after their favorite coach or player. Fans are indeed a zealous collection of people. They are quick to emphasize the superior traits of their own team and even quicker to underscore the negative characteristics of the opposing team or fan base. Fans possess a certain level of ownership with a team. That is the reason for the opening quotes in this paragraph.

When the team we cheer for does well, we share in the victory. Chances are we had little or nothing to do with the victorious result. Fans do not practice during the week of a game or officially belong on the team. They do not know the playbook, strategy or how to adjust to the game as it is being played on the field. However, sometimes an amazing thing happens. The team you love so dearly loses. All of sudden, the allegiance is tested. The passion is calmed

and the rose colored glasses need cleaning. Never one time have I heard a fan chant, "We lost, we lost!" Instead I have heard, "They lost." "They messed up." "They do not know what they are doing." In the time span it takes for a game to be played, feelings can change.

We read in the opening verses of 1 John the powerful testimony of eyewitness accounts of the incarnate Christ, God the Son. I recall a professor once asking the class, "What is the greatest and most important event in world history?" Answers included: the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and some thought the second coming of Christ. The professor believed the greatest of all events was the incarnation of Christ. Without it, he surmised none of the other events would have been possible. That line of thinking seems logical to me. Without Christ, not only do the events of His earthly life do not occur, neither does our salvation. Our hope

as Gentile believers rests solely on Christ and the finished work of the cross.

In John's day, false teachers were gaining steam and influence in the known world. Some were teaching salvation was only possible through mysticism or special knowledge. Some erroneous beliefs included that Jesus did not really have a physical body, only the appearance of one.

To oppose such heresy, John responded in the first few statements of this general epistle to share some words about

Christ. Without mentioning a single teaching, parable or miracle of Jesus, John paints a vivid picture of the Lord using our senses. The words "heard" "seen" "touched" are all indicative of an authentic relationship many had with Jesus during the course of His public ministry. It describes a closeness and a shared experience between two parties.

1 John 1:4 makes it clear to the reader the purpose of John's correspondence.



Explore the Bible

with Bobby McKay

When someone comes to know Jesus for all that He is, joy ensues! This same Jesus that John wrote about many years ago is still available to all of us today. Over a dozen times in our lesson text, John uses the words "we" "us" and "our". Those powerful personal pronouns are encouraging and blending. Much like the supporter of a team, John wants to draw believers together. He arranges for each of us a mosaic of inclusiveness and fellowship.

You will be hard-pressed to find any "they" talk in these verses. When Christ is revealed and new life is received, the result should be less talk about "them" and more about our desire to see all join with Christ in fellowship. "We" should desire that "they" trust in Christ just as we did. The transformative grace of Christ has way of altering our semantics. All will be pleasantly surprised of the great number of people in Heaven. Luke 14:12-14 sheds a light on the variety of people that God loves being with. And then, it will be clear to us what was known by God all along: We are bigger than us! And in the end, we will shout, "We win! We Win!"

McKay is pastor of Harperville Church, Harperville.

Accept Your Leadership Role • Joshua 1:1-9

When surfing the internet I came across an article about William Borden (1887-1913). William's family was wealthy and upon his graduation from high school, they gave him a trip around the world. While on the trip, William became convicted about those around the world who were lost without Christ. Although William was an heir to the Borden wealth, he did not plan his life around his riches but instead sought to follow the leadership of the Lord for his life in missions and ministry. While he was at Yale University, he began a morning Bible study and prayer time that grew from 150 students his freshman year to 1,000 in attendance when he was a senior. While preparing for the mission field through language study, William died of spinal meningitis. Although he died at a young age, William accepted his role and God-given gifts as a leader and his influence on young people has continued for more than a century.

(<http://www.thetravelingteam.org/articles/william-borden>)

Joshua 1:1-5 The victory and possession of the land by the Israelites is a direct effect of their obedience to God by following the leadership of Moses and Joshua. Blessings and success are evident when we follow the rules of God. This success is not always defined

in land possession or material wealth, but there is no doubt the plans of the Lord are right and true. When a leader turns away from God's word as truth and foundation, that leader loses his or her effectiveness and influence to be blessed by God.

Joshua 1:6-8 Twice in this passage and one more time in verse 9 Joshua is encouraged to be "strong and courageous". The issues before Joshua were a call to be strong and courageous in view of the mantle of leadership God had placed upon him.

This was a special ministry and one with huge challenges and obstacles. Joshua could not do inhabit

this leadership role on his own—this was very beyond his skills and abilities. God enabled and equipped him. As a leader, Joshua had to take care to observe the law of God because in it was the foundation for all that he would do in leading the people. Joshua did not only need to read God's word—it had to be his lips and demonstrated in his actions.

Likewise, God has called each of us as believers to leadership. Our platform for influence could be at work, church, school or in our homes and neighborhoods. We must rely on God for His power to lead and on His word for truth. If we are full of self-confidence, it will lead us to rely on our limited resources of energy and effort. Consequently, if we are full of God-confidence, our abilities to lead will be super naturally empowered by His limitless grace, love and courage.

Joshua 1:9 This is one of my favorite passages in the Bible. When my son, Graham was born in 1994, I chose it

for his life verse. The beginning of this verse God asks, "Have I not commanded you?" The start of the verse reminds me of a parent when we are having to repeat ourselves, "Have I not told you (three times already!)" God is using this third time to reiterate in Joshua's and heart of the need to be strong and courageous as a leader. Sometimes

leadership requires that our demeanor before the people we lead needs to reflect His peace. The Lord reminds Joshua not to be afraid or terrified because His presence would be with him and the Israelites. Since Joshua had grown up while Israelites were roaming in the wilderness, I can imagine that the death of Moses and the message from God that he would be the next leader was terrifying and overwhelming. God was promising His constant presence as the indicator for Joshua to move ahead. His presence would be the difference as He led them into the Promised Land.

Questions for you as you lead:

1. What can you do today to show your desire to be strong in the Lord?
2. What decision are you making right now that requires courage?
3. What about your leadership in Sunday school, work or your social life needs strengthening in order for you to lead more effectively?

John Maxwell, Christian author of leadership books states, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." Be the kind of strong leader that others in your world can look to as capable, strong and God-led.

Bowman is Minister of Connection, First Church, Brandon, and a speaker for women's events.

Bible Studies for Life

with Beth S. Bowman



Revivals & Homecomings

► **Calvary Church, Summit:** Homecoming, June 7; services, 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds and

fellowship; Mike Burns, pastor and speaker.

► **South Nettleton Church, Nettleton:** Homecoming,

June 7; Mike Reeves, speaker; Masters Quartet, music.

► **West Shady Grove Church, Wayne County:** Homecoming, June 7; lunch following morning worship service; Mitchell Smith, pastor and speaker.

► **Liberty Church, Carroll County:** 175th anniversary and homecoming, June 7; Services, 10:30 a.m., with testimonies, church history, and singing, followed by lunch.

► **Center Hill Church, Ham-**

ilton: 88th annual memorial/decoration/homecoming, June 7; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m., followed by covered dish meal; Tommy Doughty, Jr., speaker; Terry J. Edwards, pastor.

Just for the Record



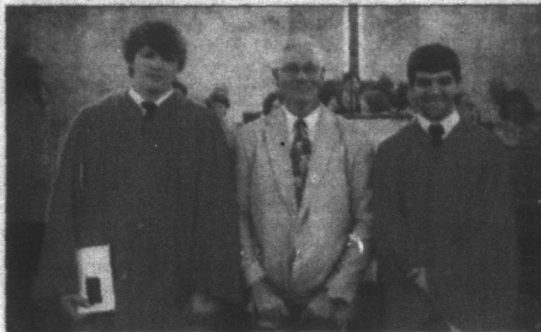
MORGAN CHAPEL CHURCH, STURGIS, licensed youth minister Conner Pounders to the gospel ministry May 10. Shown are pastor Gary Roberson, Pounders, and Kenny Roberson.



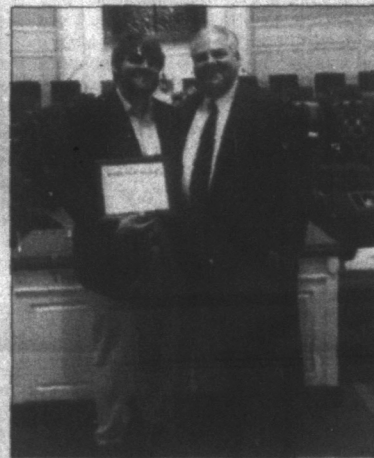
CALVARY CHURCH, COLUMBIA, honored its oldest mother and youngest mother on Mother's Day. Shown are Virginia McKinley, right, and Dondi Slade.



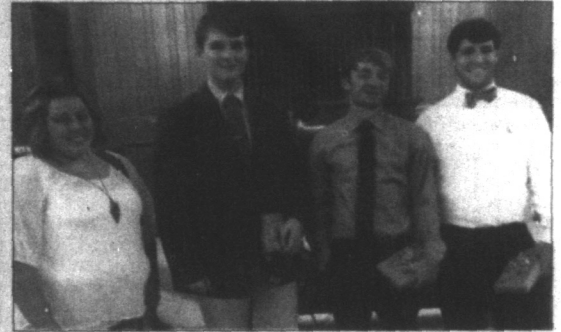
ECRU CHURCH, ECRU, recognized its college graduates May 17. Shown are pastor Greg Lassett, Patrick Coker, Patrick Jones, Cage Mills, Collin Stubblefield, and Josh Swords.



CRESTVIEW CHURCH, PETAL, recognizes its high school graduates. Shown are Luke Williams and Josh Holder with pastor Steve Smith.



LAKE WASHINGTON CHURCH, GLEN ALLAN, licensed Jon Reed McLendon to the ministry May 10. He was presented his license by his father, pastor Jimmy McLendon.



UNION CHURCH, TYLERTOWN, recognized its graduates May 17. Shown are Haley Hebert, Wyatt Brumfield, Grant Alexander, and Cody Wilhite.



Pastor Joseph Sansing, **NEW BETHEL CHURCH, CARROLL COUNTY**, presented Bibles and other religious works to graduating seniors Mitchell Swindle, center, and Drew Bloodworth May 17.

In other Church News:

► **Emmanuel Church**, formerly in Jackson at 4404 Sagamore St., is hosting a church-wide reunion June 13, noon - 4 p.m., at the Oakhurst Subdivision clubhouse in Clinton for all former church members and families.



EAST PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, QUITMAN, recently ordained Robert Hicks and Ronnie Fagan as deacons. Shown are Hicks and Ashley Hicks, Fagan and Lynn Fagan, and pastor Joshua Meadows.



TWIN LAKES CHURCH, MADISON, held a baby dedication on Mother's Day. Shown are Kason Maze Pixley with parents Ryan and Jessica; Carrie Grace Holt with parents Kevin and Kristina; RB Stubblefield with parents Rhett and Laura, and Wilson Lauren Templeton with parents Bobby and Ann Marie. Hugh Smith, pastor.



CARTERVILLE CHURCH, PETAL, hosted Steve Hutton, author of *Pride Aside: A Father's Journey*, Apr. 12. Hutton is a staff member at Broadmoor Church, Madison, a former PGA Professional, and Vice-President of Promises Keepers.



NEW HOME CHURCH, SCOTT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, recently ordained Jay Pace to the gospel ministry. He is pastor of New Prospect Church, Leake County Association. Shown are Wayne McGee, Pace, Heather Pace, daughter Angel, and New Home pastor Billy McKay.